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SUBJECT: MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS FOR OASGA

1. SUMMARY: HEAD OF OAS OFFICE IN SANTIAGO DESCRIBES ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDIA AT OASGA. GOC IS COOPERATING FULLY, AND GOC SPOKESMAN SAID ALL JOURNALISTS CAN COME. END SUMMARY.

2. INFORMATION OFFICER MET TODAY (MAY 14) WITH RICARODO HUGHES, DIRECTOR OF OAS SANTIAGO OFFICE, AND MAX WENGER, HEAD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, TO DISCUSS MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS FOR OAS CONFERENCE. BOTH HUGHES AND WENGER WORKING CLOSELY WITH GOC WHICH HAS PROMISED "ALL POSSIBLE AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR NEWSMEN." GOC CONFERENCE GENERAL COORDINATOR RICARDO CLARO IN PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 12 REITERATED GOC COMMITMENT: "ENTRANCE WILL EVEN BE PERMITTED TO JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE SPREAD FALSE AND IN SOME CASES HARMFUL NEWS (ABOUT CHILE)."

3. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, OAS IS EXPECTING FROM 150 TO 200 NEWSMEN FROM OUTSIDE CHILE AND ABOUT 150 CHILEANS. ACCREDITATION FOR JOURNALISTS IN CHILE (FOREIGN AND CHILEAN) BEING GIVEN BY OAS SANTIAGO OFFICE. OTHER JOURNALISTS RESIDING IN OAS MEMBER COUNTRIES RECEIVE ACCREDITATION FROM THEIR LOCAL OAS OFFICE. FOREIGN JOURNALISTS RESIDING IN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES CAN RECEIVE ACCREDITATION BY WRITING LETTER TO OAS WASHINGTON OFFICE.

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4. PRESS FACILITIES. TWO-THIRDS OF LARGE CAFETERIA IN BASEMENT OF EDIFICIO DIEGO PORTALES, SEAT OF GOVERNMENT WHERE CONFERENCE BEING HELD, WILL BE TAKEN OVER FOR PRESS ROOM. CAFETERIA WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE FOR CONVENIENCE OF NEWSMEN. PRESS ROOM WILL CONTAIN EIGHT TELEXES FOR GENERAL USE AND FIVE TELEXES FOR PRIVATE USE OF FIVE SEPARATE NEWS AGENCIES. AP AND UPI WILL EACH HAVE OWN TELEX. THERE WILL BE SEVENTY TELEPHONES. NEWS SERVICES CAN REQUEST A DIRECT LINE AT THEIR EXPENSE TO HOME OFFICE OUTSIDE CHILE THROUGH CHILEAN TELEPHONE COMPANY AND ENTEL. OAS PLANNING ON FULL TELEVISION AND PHOTO COVERAGE OF OPENING SESSIONS, BUT NO SPECIFICS YET. AT IO SUGGESTION, POSSIBLY BEING EXPLORED FOR CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV FOR PRESS ROOM.

5. TEXTS. OAS PLANNING DISTRIBUTE FULL TEXTS OF SPEECHES IN FOUR OFFICIAL LANGUAGES TO NEWSMEN IN PRESS ROOM JUST PRIOR TO SPEECH DELIVERY.

6. JUAN MINO, OAS DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCES, ARRIVES SANTIAGO MAY 23 AND JORGE LABANCA, WHO WILL BE OAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, WILL ARRIVE NEAR END OF MAY. BOTH OFFICIALS WILL BE INVOLVED IN FINALIZING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEWS MEDIA.
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